



TINKHAM POND

Chelsea Twp., Kennebec County
U.S.G.S. Togus Pond, Maine

Fishes

Largemouth bass
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnnows
Golden shiner

Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 17 acres

Maximum depth - 17 feet

Principal fishery: Chain pickerel

Temperatures:

Surface - 77°F

15 feet - 54°F

Tinkham Pond is a small shallow warm water pond not suited for cold water species. Historically, the pond was most utilized by the winter angler for the large population of small pickerel.

The public approached the Department in 1998 as to the possibility of stocking brook trout. Investigation of Tinkham Pond by Regional biologists corroborated earlier studies, which indicated no cold water species should be stocked. However, Tinkham Pond does provide suitable habitat for largemouth bass. Therefore, in 1999 the first of three annual introductions of largemouth bass were made into Tinkham Pond. The intent of these introductions is to provide a self-sustaining population and to provide more opportunities for the Maine angler.

Tinkham Pond is approximately 1 mile from the Meaher Road. A two-wheel drive vehicle can access the pond via a dirt logging road, then there is a short walk down a steep embankment to the waters edge.

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